

White House Tours

The White House offers a self-guided tour that provides access to the East Room, the State Dining Room, and several smaller rooms. There is no public access to the West Wing or the executive residence. The tour takes 20 to 30 minutes. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, except on national holidays. (You can take a virtual tour of the White House [here](#).)

Please contact my office as early as possible if you are interested in a tour of the White House as tour requests are granted on a first-come, first-served basis. White House tours can be requested up to 7 months in advance, and the White House recommends requesting your tour at least 4 months in advance if possible. White House tour requests *cannot* be accepted with less than 30 days notice. Due to the enormous demand for tours, the White House cannot accommodate all requests, and submitting your request early does not guarantee success.

Please provide the **exact dates** you will be in Washington and available to tour the White House. The greater your flexibility around the dates of your tour, the greater your chances of receiving a tour. Most White House tours are in the morning, so do not include your arrival day if you will be arriving in the afternoon. Please be aware that my staff **cannot** request a tour at a particular time. The White House processes tour requests only by day, not by time.

The White House requires identifying information about each visitor for security purposes. If you request a White House tour, you will need to provide the first name, middle name, last name, gender, date of birth, social security number, current city and state of residence, country of birth, and current citizenship of each visitor. The social security number is not required for children 13 and younger. If you are not a U.S. citizen, the White House will need your passport number in lieu of the social security number. If you have recently married or changed your name, please ensure that your name as submitted matches the name shown on your government-issued ID.

In September 2009, President Obama announced that visitor access records to the White House Complex will be made publicly available 90-120 days after the date of visit. This policy includes all guests touring the White House. Please be aware that your full name and the date of your visit will be part of the publicly released records. Your date of birth, social security number and other personal information provided **will not** be released.

To request a White House tour, fill out my [online tour request form](#)

The United States Capitol

Constituents who wish to visit the U.S. Capitol can easily arrange a tour through the Capitol Visitor Center. However, groups of 11 or more people who wish to arrange a tour together should contact my office for assistance. Please read the “[Popular Public Tours](#)” section of my website for details.

The House and Senate Galleries

The tour of the Capitol does not include the House and Senate Galleries. If you would like to see the chambers where Members of Congress vote, my office can provide you with Gallery passes. Fill out the [tour request form](#) and my staff can mail them to your home, or simply stop by my office at 1111 Longworth House Office Building when you arrive in DC and ask for gallery passes.

The passes are good whenever the Galleries are open. The House Gallery is normally open for visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as any time when the House is in session. The Senate Gallery is open only when the Senate is in session, which is usually

weekday afternoons.

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